study and what is the source from where data were collected;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not have the approval from the cabinet for revision of commission; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (f) Under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1979, the manufacturers of drugs formulations, were required to give the following trade margins to the traders.

(i) Wholesalers	— 2% on retail price for all drugs.
(ii) Retailers.	— 10% on non-ethical drugs and — 12% on ethical drugs

Under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, the trade margins were revised as under:

(i) Wholesalers	— from 2% to 3% for all drugs
(ii) Retailers.	— from 10% to 15% in the case of non-ethical drugs . — from 12% to 17% for ethical drugs.

The above trade margins were, however, subsequently revised on the basis of the recommendations made by an Inter-Ministerial committee, constituted by this Department in November, 1987 under the Chairmanship of Chairman Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices to look into the trade margin structure. The recommendations contained in the report of this Inter-Ministerial Committee was accepted by the then Government and the trade margin, which is presently in vogue in terms of para 21(1) of DPCO, 1987 is as under:

21. Prices to the traders—(1) A manufacturer/distributor or wholesaler shall sell a formulation to a retailer, unless otherwise permitted under the provisions of this Order or any order made thereunder, at a price equal to the retail price (excluding excise duty, if any) minus 16% thereof in the case of price controlled drugs.

Under DPCO, 1987, there has been increase in the mark up for Category I and Category II formulations. In order to give benefit of increase of MAPE to the trade also, Government has increased the trade margin but after constituting the Inter-Ministerial Committee which while finalising its recommendations, had taken into consideration suggestions/ representations made by OPPI, IDMA and All India Organisation of Chemists' & Druggists'.

अनियंत्रित औषधियों के मूल्यों पर नियंत्रण रखने के लिए व्यवस्था

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डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और रसायन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 29 जनवरी, 1990 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "व्हाई प्राइज बेनिफिटस इल्यूड कन्ज़यूमर्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान अनियंत्रित औषधियों के कई मिश्रणों के मूल्यों में भारी वृद्धि हुई है और इस संबंध में कानूनी शक्तियों के अभाव में संबंधित सरकारी विभाग इस मूल्य वृद्धि को रोकने में असमर्थ है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस संबंध में आवश्यक व्यवस्था करके मूल्य वृद्धि को रोकने का विचार रखती है?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम०एस० गुरुपदस्वामी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) मूल्य नियंत्रण-मुक्त औषधों के मूल्यों में कुछ वृद्धि हुई है, लेकिन सरकार कड़ी निगरानी रख रही है और जब कभी कोई असामान्य वृद्धि जानकारी में आती है तो हस्तक्षेप करती है। मूल्य नियंत्रित औषधों की स्थाई समिति द्वारा पुनरीक्षा की जा रही है।